



Media Advisory
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JULY IS RABIES AWARENESS MONTH

WISCONSIN HUMANE SOCIETY AND THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT JOIN TOGETHER TO DECLARE FIRST RABIES OBSERVANCE TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF DISEASE

WHAT: The Wisconsin Humane Society in partnership with the City of Milwaukee Health Department will hold a news conference and educational demonstration to spread the word about how to protect your family and your companion animals from rabies.

WHEN: **Friday, July 1, 2005**
11:00 a.m. Introduction of rabies issue
11:15 a.m. Mayoral Proclamation to WI Humane Society
11:30 a.m. Bat proof home demonstration

WHERE: **Wisconsin Humane Society**
4500 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee

SPEAKERS: **Mayor Tom Barrett**

Bevan K. Baker, CHE, Commissioner of Health

Victoria Wellens, Executive Director, Wisconsin Humane Society

Dr. Randy Zeman, Veterinary Manager, Wisconsin Humane Society

FACTS:

- The percentage of bats testing positive for rabies has been relatively steady since at least 1992.
- Three rabies-positive bats have been found since mid-May of this year.
- The vast majority of bats are healthy, beneficial creatures that consume large numbers of insects, such as mosquitoes